

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.     A print by reference method executable by a portable  
2 wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:  
3                 obtaining a reference to print content stored at a location  
4 indicated by the reference; and,  
5                 wirelessly communicating the reference to another device to  
6 initiate a print by reference of the print content.
- 1           2.     The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies  
2 billing information.
- 1           3.     The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies  
2 print format information.
- 1           4.     The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies  
2 time and date information.
- 1           5.     The method of claim 1 wherein the reference comprises a  
2 Universal Resource Locator.
- 1           6.     The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 number of copies of the print content to be printed by a print device.
- 1           7.     The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 security access code.
- 1           8.     The method of claim 7 wherein the security access code  
2 enables usage of a print device.
- 1           9.     The method of claim 7 wherein the security access code

2 enables usage of a print service.

1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein the security access code  
2 enables access to the print content.

1 11. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2 providing security data to the another device.

1 12. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2 discovering the another device.

1 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of discovering  
2 the another device further comprises the step of communicating a discovery  
3 signal to the another device.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the step of discovering  
2 the another device further comprises the step of receiving a response to the  
3 discovery signal from the another device.

1 15. The method of claim 13 wherein the discovery signal  
2 comprises a request for information about a capability of the another device.

1 16. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2 communicating a status request to the another device.

1 17. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2 receiving a status message from the another device.

1 18. The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of  
2 displaying the status message received from the another device.

1                    19.    The method of claim 1 wherein the step of obtaining the  
2 reference comprises the step of downloading the reference from a network.

1                    20.    The method of claim 19 wherein the step of downloading  
2 the reference from the network further comprises the step of selecting a  
3 hyperlink associated with the reference.

1                    21.    The method of claim 1 wherein the another device  
2 comprises a print service adapted to use the reference to obtain the print  
3 content.

1                    22.    The method of claim 21 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 print device to which the print service is adapted to transmit the print content.

1                    23.    The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of  
2 receiving the print content from the print service.

1                    24.    The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 passing the print content to a print device for printing.

1                    25.    The method of claim 1 wherein the step of wirelessly  
2 communicating the reference comprises the step of wirelessly communicating  
3 the reference in a Bluetooth format.

4                    26.    The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
5 enabling the entry and storage of identity information that specifies an identity  
6 of the another device.

1                    27.    The method of claim 26 further comprising the step of

2 enabling the selection of the another device from among a menu comprising a  
3 list of devices.

1 28. The method of claim1 wherein the step of wirelessly  
2 communicating the reference to another device further comprises the step of  
3 adding information to the reference.

1 29. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 locator, the locator identifying a location of a print service.

1 30. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference further  
2 specifies a print format data specifying that the print content should be printed  
3 beginning on a new sheet of paper.

1 31. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference further  
2 specifies an address associated with the portable wireless device.

1 32. A print by reference method executable by a portable  
2 wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:  
3 obtaining a reference to print content stored at an Internet  
4 location indicated by the reference;  
5 including the reference in a communication signal formatted  
6 according to a Bluetooth communication protocol; and  
7 wirelessly communicating the communication signal to a print  
8 device thereby causing the print device to use the reference to retrieve the print  
9 content from the Internet and to print the print content.

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2 wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:  
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4 location indicated by the reference;  
5 including the reference in a communication signal formatted  
6 according to a Bluetooth communication protocol; and  
7 wirelessly communicating the communication signal to a print  
8 service thereby causing the print service to use the reference to retrieve the  
9 print content from the Internet, to format the print content for printing, and to  
10 pass the print content to a print device for printing.

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